

# 1829 Podcast

## LEADER GUIDE - The CRITIC, THE CYNIC, AND THE CHURCH

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### Key Takeaways:

1. Deconstruction is not merely critical thinking but cynicism that seeks to undermine rather than understand
2. The church should be viewed as a community of imperfect people, not a commodity to consume
3. A critic desires to understand while a cynic desires to undermine
4. Deconstructionists typically attack both the Word of God and the church as an institution
5. Young believers need to develop their own faith rather than living off their parents' or grandparents' faith
6. Being in biblical community prevents falling into echo chambers where only similar beliefs are reinforced

### Discussion Questions:

1. How can we distinguish between healthy questioning and critical thinking versus cynical deconstruction when wrestling with our faith?
2. How does the statement that a critic desires to understand while a cynic desires to undermine apply to how we approach Scripture and the church?
3. What does it mean to view the church as a community rather than a commodity, and how does this perspective change our expectations and engagement?
4. Pastor Brian said, "Show me your friends, I'll show you your future." Who are the people speaking into your life right now? How are they impacting your pursuit of Christ?
5. What is an "echo chamber," and how can we avoid creating one in our spiritual lives?
6. In what areas of your life do you need to allow God's Word to renovate your worldview rather than conforming Scripture to your preferences?
7. What does it look like practically to believe that God has more for you and to avoid spiritual stagnation in your walk with Jesus?

### Next Step Application:

*Scripture Renovation:* Choose one area of your life (finances, relationships, time management, etc.) and find 3-5 verses that speak to it. Journal how God's Word might renovate your thinking.



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